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SENATE Fish & Game
LEGISLATION NO. 4
DATE 3/10/11
BILL NO. HB 361

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Senate Fish and Game Committee
Montana State Capitol
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Senators:

As a business owner in Glasgow, Montana I want to make you aware of the negative economic impact the reduction of archery permits has had on our business. At the Cottonwood Inn, we rely on hunting and outdoor recreation for our business in the fall of the year. Last fall, the number of hunters who stayed at our hotel, ate in our restaurant, put gas in their vehicles, and shopped at the local stores was down.

Hunting Season usually brings enough business to The Cottonwood Inn that we are able to keep staff employed full time even after the busy summer season. This past fall we were forced to make cuts in staff.

If the Elk Populations are not at risk....why put jobs at risk??? Please support HB 361.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Stone". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Betty Stone, Owner
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February 7, 2011

Senate FWP Committee

Dear Committee Members:

I am a small business owner in Central Montana. My name is Gary C. Smith. I have three stations in the communities of Roy, Grass Range and Winnett. The main part of our business is fuel and tires. Hunters and sportsmen are a tremendous part of the business. During the archery season the amount of business generated by the out of area hunters was one of the main things that would carry us through the slow times of January, February and March. Last year they dropped a pile of archery tags. We noticed a significant drop in our business at ALL three locations. We hear that they are going to drop any 10% - 20% more of the tags next year. That will probably be the last nail in our coffin!

Sincerely,



Gary C. Smith
President / Owner